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Dear CT PHC Testimony,

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee:

I write to ask you to strongly support and vote in the affirmative to add bill language for the modernization of the CT Naturopathic physician scope of practice to HB 5537. The language needs to be attached to this bill so it can come before the Public Health Committee for consideration. This Naturopathic scope of practice law is 90 years old and has not kept pace with the significant advances in education and training of Naturopathic doctors in the ensuing decades.

I went to my naturopath when my medical doctor could not figure out what was wrong with me. I was sent for blood tests and to other doctors, still no answers. I decided to go to a naturopath because I could not live a productive life feeling unwell and could no longer work a full day. My naturopath found what the problem was and within 3 months time I was feeling healthier. After 1 year I continue to follow his instructions and am feeling well. I believe expanding the scope of practice will improve coordination of care and that I could have been diagnosed more quickly saving time and money.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,
Barbara Tucciarone